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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): APAI et al

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For: Fabrication Method Of Semiconductor Integrated Circuit Device

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 17, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

Please replace the original abstract with the attached abstract.